

# Growth Management Oversight Commission

May 17, 2007  
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room  
Ken Lee Building

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## MINUTES

**GMOC MEMBERS PRESENT:** Krogh, Palma, Jones, O'Neill, Acerro, Clayton, Hall, Garcia

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Ed Batchelder, Advance Planning Mgr.  
Frank Herrera-A, Associate Planner  
Stan Donn, Senior Planner  
Rick Emerson, Chief of Police  
Ed Chew, Administrative Svcs. Mgr.  
Karin Schmerler, Analyst  
Frank Rivera, Principal Civil Engineer  
Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Sean Kilkenny  
Earl Jentz

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman O'Neill convened the meeting and asked the Secretary to conduct the roll call, he informed the group that Commissioners Hall and Jones would be late.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of 05/03/07 were reviewed and approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Clayton, seconded by Commissioner Acerro.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the commission.

**4. REVIEW PART II DRAFT 2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

Chairman O'Neill reminded the group that the exercise at hand is to review Volume One of the draft, the last three remaining items, and make revisions to the recommendations.

The Chief of Police addressed the commission offering some explanations for the response time thresholds not being met for P1, P2 and also

response time over ten minutes. He informed that the department had undertaken heavy recruitment and added six new officers (over authorized strength), approved by Council. The most recent data on response times for the first 3 months of 2007 has improved by almost 6%, although still not where it should be. He attributed this in part to having the additional officers. He felt it was questionable if they could attain the 57% threshold without further modifications either to the threshold standards or additional personnel.

In response to the question regarding East/West response time on Priority 1 and 2, the Chief explained that the I805 freeway as the divider. The department is meeting the threshold for the western part of the City but in the eastern part, the time is greater due to drive time/distance. The division of resources directly impacts on this as well. There is a 2:1 ratio in the calls for service with the Westside responsible for 60+% and the eastside for 30+%. There has been a significant increase in P2 calls. The calls over ten minutes, (98% are false alarms) tend to be between 3 and 7p.m. which correspond with the busiest time for residents returning to their homes, from work and school and for the department responding to calls.

The Chairman asked whether there has ever been an escalation of a situation with a different outcome if the officers were present sooner. The Chief reported that from the perspective of the persons making the calls have indicated to the officers that they should have been there sooner. However, there is no concrete evidence that the situation would have escalated due to the response time.

The Chairman also asked the Chief to explain factors that may contribute to the difference in response times for the east and west of the City. The Chief cited the geographical layout of the residences, with only 3 beats in the eastern side and less density, compared to the western side. The grid patterns of the west side is more conducive to getting to a destination in a faster manner, compared to the eastern side which will not have the same conditions until the communities are completely built out. The layout of cul de sacs contribute to the delayed responses as well. The Chairman thanked the staff of the Police Dept for their time and input.

The Volume One document was displayed on the video screen for the commissioners to view. The secretary inserted text based on their deliberations. These are reflected on the third draft of the document.

## **5. 2006 CC REFERRALS INCLUSION IN DRAFT REPORT**

It was agreed that the heading in the report, section 4.2, should be revised. After discussion, it was agreed to take staff's suggestion, "that the City Council made these referrals and the GMOC felt the need to

discuss further in addition to other broader issues concerning the thresholds, which they did at their offsite retreat.

**6. DISCUSSION OF CONTENT OF CHAIR'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The commissioners discussed the merits of changing the process for this year, whether to include an executive summary this should be the new process. Chairman O'Neill questioned what the actual purpose of the workshop was, whether it's for the public to learn from the commission or vice versa. He felt that the lack of attendance at the regular meetings is reflective of the level of public interest. He also pointed out that all of the GMOC meetings are open to the public and it is charged to the GMOC to oversee these issues and present a consensus report to the City. Commissioners Krogh, Jones, O'Neill and Garcia, felt that the Executive Summary approach should be used for this year's workshop, with direction to view the entire draft document at the Planning Department as well as the electronic version of it available on screen at the workshop to explain the thresholds and the GMOC's positions on various issues if questions arise. The Commission was in agreement.

**7. CHANGE OF WORKSHOP DATE**

Frank Herrera-A asked if the commissioners would be in agreement with moving the workshop date forward to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Ed Batchelder offered to check and confirm the date for a Planning Commission workshop on 5/30 and if so the possibility of having this on the Wednesday, 5/30. Staff to give the Commissioners the final date.

**8. DISCUSSION OF CONTENT OF WORKSHOP AGENDA PACKET**

Satisfactorily covered previously.

**9. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Palma distributed a memo on "PAD FEE SCHEDULE". He referred to its content and commented on the disparity of east vs. west and requested it be put on a future agenda and have staff bring some substantiating information for the fees. Ed Batchelder enquired as to the source of the document to allow him to further investigate.

Mr. Krogh asked whether the commission would have the revised draft in ample time prior to the public workshop, which was affirmed by Ed Batchelder, who also emphasized the necessity for a full quorum on 6/7/07 (the meeting after the workshop) to finalize the document before it is presented to Council and Planning Commission.

Commissioner Krogh asked if the agenda items for 6/7 could be placed optionally on the agenda for 5/31, so they can be addressed if the opportunity arises.

Commissioner Jones informed the group that he had been trying to get on the Design Review Committee for the past 4 years and has recently been called to serve, which he declined as it meant giving up his position on the GMOC. He stated his preference to serve on the GMOC and felt the work being done was worthwhile.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman O'Neill adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the scheduled Public Workshop on May 31, 2007 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Works Office, 1800 Maxwell Road.

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Rabbia Phillip  
Secretary

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Frank J. Herrera-A  
Growth Management Coordinator

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